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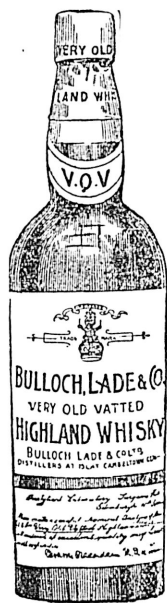
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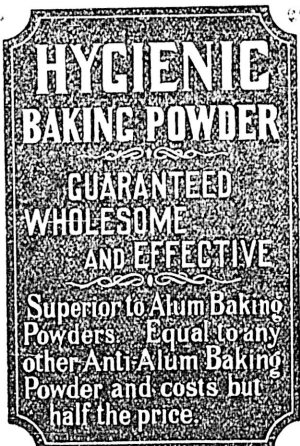
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**COLONEL STRATHY DEAD.**

He was Formerly Commander of the  
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Montreal, Oct. 7.—(Special).—Col. J.  
A. Strathy, well known in military cir-  
cles, died this morning. He was formerly  
in command of the Fifth Royal  
Scots.

## The Duke's Duck Bag

Secures Fifty-Two Birds With  
His Own Gun at Poplar  
Point.

Delighted With His First Morn-  
ing's Sport on Lake  
Francis.

Today the Party Takes Train  
Again For the Journey  
East.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 7.—York Lodge,  
Lake Manitoba, via Poplar Point, Oct.  
7.—Yesterday and today were probably  
the most informal spent by His Royal  
Highness the Duke of Cornwall and  
party since they began their tour through  
Canada. After arrival at the Lodge  
last evening the party partook of a  
splendid dinner, served in banquet style  
in a marquee erected for the purpose,  
immediately adjoining the cottage oc-  
cupied by His Royal Highness. The  
arrangements made by Senator Kitch-  
in for the entertainment of his guests  
were perfect in every detail. At a very  
early hour this morning the camp was  
made at York Lodge. The Duke and  
party were under way to the north of  
the lake, and each chose a different  
route, a capable guide, or  
veteran duck hunter taking charge of  
the party. The well known hunter and  
trapper, John Atkinson, handled the  
Duke. The morning was an ideal one for  
duck shooting, the sky being slightly  
clouded and a light breeze blowing and  
the water every advantage of the morning  
flood.

For five hours the sound of the guns  
could be heard from every part of the  
big marsh, and shortly after ten o'clock  
the ducks arrived at the Lodge. The  
first to land was the Duke, and all  
there were no cheering crowds to greet  
his arrival, this did not appear to de-  
press his spirits, for the excellent morn-  
ing's sport and splendid luck had thor-  
oughly delighted him. His first shot  
was a Lord Minto, Sir Charles Cunt, Prince  
Alexander of Teck, Major Maudie and  
Senator Kitchin arrived in quick suc-  
cession and the duck laden canoes were  
landed. At the result of the morning's  
sport nearly 200 ducks, including all  
varieties known to Manitoba hunters,  
were brought in, and in addition to this  
number numerous birds were shot, but  
could not be secured because of the im-  
passable marshes. His Royal Highness  
proved himself an excellent shot, bag-  
ging 52 birds, and of the adventurous  
ducks coming within range of his un-  
erring aim, few indeed escaped. He ex-  
pressed great pleasure, and was en-  
thusiastic over the outing.

Early this afternoon the party started  
again to remain until sundown. The  
guests are thoroughly delighted with the  
sport here, and will endeavor for civi-  
lization with feelings of regret.  
Lord Crichton and Commander Godfrey  
Fawcett are the guests of Messrs. Galt,  
of Winnipeg, at their shooting lodge,  
three miles east.

Tomorrow morning the guests will  
again go after the ducks, and im-  
mediately after luncheon on their return  
the party will leave for the train. It  
is the intention to afford them an op-  
portunity to view the rushing snow  
near Poplar Point tomorrow before the  
departure of the train.

**KILLED WHILE THRESHING.**  
Farmer Mangled Fatally in Farming  
Machine.

Winnipeg, Oct. 7.—(Special).—While  
threshing on Wm. Scott's farm near W.  
Neepawa today, a young man named  
Peter Younster slipped into a cylinder  
of the machine and was fatally mangled.  
His brothers-in-law met with a similar  
accident two weeks ago.

## WORKING AT EXTENSION

## Operations in the Tunnel Start- ed Yesterday—Amalgam- ating Unions.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Oct. 7.—The condition of af-  
fairs at Extension is little changed, with  
the exception that work commenced in  
the tunnel today. The gas committee  
of the Miners' Union went in early and  
inspected it and posted a notice as a re-  
sult that no gas or damp was found.  
The men feel assured of safety on that  
account.

It has been found that no discrimination  
was made this morning in favor of  
Ladysmith men. The miners are agitat-  
ing for amalgamation among the differ-  
ent unions of the Island. A meeting is  
to be held shortly when representatives  
of Nanaimo, Alexandria and Extension  
unions, and probably Cumberland also,  
will discuss terms of amalgamation.

The funeral of the late Mrs. C. Bry-  
ant took place yesterday from the resi-  
dence of her son, W. R. Bryant. It was  
largely attended and a wreath of floral  
offerings attested the respect in which  
she was held.

The local authorities here, acting un-  
der instructions, have ordered the nick-  
el-in-the-slot machines all to be taken out  
of the hotels.

The Hornet Rugby Football Club has  
been re-organized for the season.

**COZIGOSZ.**

Anarchist Murderer Is Not Being Al-  
lowed Notoriety.

Albany, N.Y., Oct. 7.—State Superin-  
tendent of Prisons Collins has given or-  
ders that Cozigosz, the murderer of  
President McKinley, must be the subject  
of no publicity while in prison awaiting  
execution. He must not be seen and  
visitors must not be permitted to enter  
any part of the prison where knowledge  
might be gained of his location. The  
warden has been instructed to inform the  
guards and other employees of the pris-  
on that the divulging of any information  
concerning him or his doings shall be  
considered a grave breach of discipline  
and will be dealt with accordingly.

## CANADA'S CENSUS

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 7.—(Special.)  
—The census authorities say the  
final returns will give the popu-  
lation of Canada over five and a  
half millions.

**CLARKE WALLACE.**

His Condition Reported as Not so  
Favorable.

Woodbridge, Ont., Oct. 7.—Clarke  
Wallace's condition is not quite so favor-  
able. He is being administered in effort  
to change condition of blood.

**ANOTHER COMMISSION.**

Lieutenant Scarth Given Position in  
South African Constabulary.

Ottawa, Oct. 7.—(Special).—Lieutenant  
Scarth, late of the Mounted Police, a son  
of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture,  
has been given a commission in  
the South African Constabulary.

**ANOTHER DEGREE.**

Duke of Cornwall Will Be Honored by  
Queens.

Kingston, Ont., Oct. 7.—The Duke of  
Cornwall has consented to lay the cor-  
ner stone of the new building of Queen's  
university. The university will confer  
a degree upon him.

**FIND ON TEXADA.**

Discovery of Rich Gold Quartz Leads to  
Excitement.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 7.—(Special).—  
Another very rich find of gold has been  
made at Texada Island about four miles  
from the Van And, by C. Miller, one  
hundred pounds of quartz taken from  
the surface being worth \$2,000. The  
finding of the ore caused excitement on  
the island, and many claims are being  
staked in the vicinity.

## Great Storms Visit Europe

## From France Come Reports of Many Wrecks on Channel Coast.

## Germany Has Suffered Heavily —Many Persons Injured at Frankfurt.

Paris, Oct. 7.—Violent storms are rag-  
ing along the French coast, particularly  
Brittany. Many wrecks are reported  
in the Channel.

The harbor of Dunkirk and many  
northern harbors are crowded with ves-  
sels that have sought refuge.

The storm extends even to the Mediter-  
ranean. Much damage has been done  
by wind and rain at Belfort and at other  
places inland. Telegraphic and tele-  
phonic communication is interrupted.  
There has also been a sudden fall in  
temperature and the first snow.

Reims, Oct. 7.—Reports from various  
parts of Germany tell of violent storms  
yesterday and today. Frankfurt had  
terrible hurricanes last night, hundreds  
of trees being destroyed and much dam-  
age being done to houses and telegraph  
wires. Twenty-one persons were more  
or less injured.

**SHAMROCK II.**

Being Placed in Winter Quarters at  
New London.

New York, Oct. 7.—From present in-  
dications it is highly probable there will  
be some very interesting racing among  
the yachts next season. Sir Thomas Lip-  
ton has decided to keep Shamrock II.  
in the United States this winter with  
a view of racing her next summer  
against the Constitution and the Col-  
umbia.

The Shamrock is to be dismantled at  
once. Her mast will be taken off so  
that she can pass under the Brooklyn  
bridge, and she is to be towed, after  
being stripped, to New London, Conn.,  
there to be laid up for the winter with  
the Constitution, which will also be laid  
up at the same place.

Sir Thomas Lipton is confined to his  
yacht, the Erin, which is lying off West  
24th street, in the North river. His  
right leg was hurt while he was board-  
ing the tender a few weeks ago. The  
tremendous strain it was subjected to  
during the recent races is beginning to  
tell, and his doctor has ordered absolute  
rest for it under the penalty of his  
being laid in bed, and the possible can-  
cellation of all engagements. Elaborate  
preparations are being made at the New  
York Yacht club to finally receive Sir  
Thomas at the club tomorrow night. The  
affair is to be in the nature of a recep-  
tion to be followed probably by a few  
toasts and informal speeches.

**QUAKE IN WIN.**

Secure One Match Against Bosanquet's  
Eleven.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 7.—The Phila-  
delphia cricket team terminated its final  
international match with Bosanquet's  
England eleven here today by winning  
by 229 runs. The uncertainty of the  
game was never more clearly demon-  
strated than after luncheon today when  
the entire English side was disposed of  
in 15 minutes. Percy Clark won the  
laurels, capturing seven wickets for 22  
runs.

**REVIEW AT HALIFAX.**

Minister of Militia Has Decided Not to  
Cancel It.

Ottawa, Oct. 7.—(Special).—Dr. Monte-  
zambert, director-general of public  
health, sent a report to the militia de-  
partment today advising the cancellation  
of the review at Halifax, owing to the  
prevalence of smallpox in Nova Scotia.  
Hon. Dr. Borden had a consultation  
with Gen. O'Reilly Holey and Dr. Nel-  
son and decided to allow the review to  
take place, but prohibiting troops from  
affected counties from taking part in the  
review.

**GERMAN EXPORTS.**

For the Quarter Increased in Shipments  
to United States.

Berlin, Oct. 7.—The final figures as to  
the exports from all Germany to the  
United States during the third quarter of  
the year show a total of \$34,777,567, or  
an increase of \$858,962.

## Canning Machines

## Chinese Object to New Patent and Refuse to Work With It.

## Head Men in the North Decline to Make Contracts For Next Season.

## It Is Believed That the Improv- ed Machinery Is the Reason.

Vancouver, Oct. 7.—Brown's salmon  
canning machine is striking terror into  
the hearts of the Chinamen. At Bon-  
telier's cannery a number of Chinamen  
were engaged to finish up the tail end of  
the pack. They were arranged around  
the canning machine to help in soldering  
and other details. As soon as it was  
understood that most of the work was  
to be done by the machine, and they  
were simply to help the machine along,  
their boss said a few words to them,  
and without a sound they picked up their  
belongings and fled out of the cannery.  
The boss Chinaman was remonstrated  
with, but he said he would not under-  
take to supply any boys for those ma-  
chines.

Word reached here today that the  
Chinamen in the north had refused to  
contract with the canners for next year's  
pack. They gave as their excuse that  
they have advanced money so often to  
the men they engaged for the work and  
lost it by the men smuggling themselves  
over the line without paying, and that  
there was no money in it for them. It  
is claimed that the real reason is the  
advent of the canning machine, which is  
to be put in all the canneries in north,  
as strange to say the canners will not  
work in most instances where the ma-  
chine is introduced.

The organized socialists of Vanco-  
uver have been discussing the advisability  
among themselves of putting up a can-  
didate in the next provincial elections.  
It is not that they will refrain from  
voting altogether. There are but 100  
organized socialists in Vancouver, but  
their adherents are numerous.

A. H. B. Macgowan makes a sugges-  
tion to the Colonist correspondent re-  
garding the disposition of Deadman's  
Island that may be eventually put into  
practice, as the question has been al-  
ready considered by many prominent  
citizens at Mr. Macgowan's request.

Now that the courts have decided that  
Deadman's Island belongs to the pro-  
vince, it is suggested that the city se-  
cure the island from the province and  
reclaim 18 acres of land around the  
foreshore by emptying the ballast of  
ships arriving in the harbor in the neces-  
sary places, thus increasing the dimen-  
sions of the island from 7 to 25 acres.  
After this is done a bridge to be ex-  
tended to the mainland, over which a  
railway or tram line might be built. On  
the island many fine city might then  
build wharves and warehouses and lease  
the island out by the acre and according  
to the number of men to be employed.

Dr. Hart, veterinary surgeon, was  
torn from his horse and seriously in-  
jured yesterday. He is improving.

The information laid against C. F.  
Jackson by J. H. Diamond, for alleged  
criminal libel, was dismissed today in  
the police court. The case was over-  
ruled by Mr. Jackson in the  
News-Advertiser in which a statement  
was made by Mr. Jackson to the effect  
that the Saga company knew they were  
insolvent when they gave a mortgage  
to a director. The case was thrown out  
on the ground of irregularity in the in-  
formation.

The Ministerial Association met today  
and discussed the advisability of urging  
the city council to ring a curfew bell for  
children.

Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and  
Congregational ministers will exchange  
pulpits on December 8.

Sir Claude Maxwell and Lady Mac-  
donald were passengers on the Empress  
of India this evening.

## TO COMPETE WITH C.P.R.

## U. S. Railway Men Trying to Divert Through Traffic From Canada.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 7.—A despatch  
from Sydney referring to the present  
visit of Dr. Seward Webb and other  
New York Central magnates to Cape  
Breton, says it can be stated on good  
authority that the object of Dr. Webb  
and the Vanderbilts building the Cape  
Breton railroad, which is to run from  
the Straits of Canso to Louisbourg and  
Sydney, and which is now under con-  
struction, is eventually to construct a  
road through the Pacific coast, mostly  
through United States territory in com-  
petition with the C. P. R. This system  
is to connect either at Sydney or Louis-  
bourg with a fast Atlantic steamship  
service.

It is proposed, according to a despatch,  
to build a new railroad through the  
Maritime Provinces and to bridge the  
Strait of Canso, but in the event of the  
C. P. R. extending its line to Sydney,  
then the Vanderbilts will take up a  
short line direct through to Yarmouth,  
connecting with a fast service to Boston.

**MISS STONE'S RANSOM.**

Chicago Clergyman on the Raising of  
the Money.

Rochester, Oct. 7.—Prof. Graham Tay-  
lor, of Chicago Theological Seminary,  
who is visiting his brother here, said con-  
cerning the appeal which the American  
Board of Missions has sent out for funds  
with which to ransom Miss Stone from  
the Bulgarian bandits: "Of course it is  
a terrible precedent to set, because if  
the money is raised and paid over to the  
bandits, it will simply put a premium  
on such crimes in the future, until a  
swift reprisal is made. If the United  
States government does not follow this  
outrage up immediately with the most  
strenuous efforts to punish the bandits  
and make the matter an international  
affair, I should say the raising of this  
ransom is a very hazardous thing to do,  
but we have got to be human in such a  
matter."

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## SOME CONSTITUTIONAL POINTS.

We print a letter signed "Elector" because we think it desirable that constitutional questions should be debated very fully, and a debate is impossible unless both sides are heard. Our correspondent is of the opinion that Mr. Dunsen should have accepted the result of the election in New Westminster as a sufficient government defeat to compel his resignation, and also that the Lieutenant-Governor is being deprived of "the advice of a full cabinet." We shall deal with the latter point first. The Constitutional Act provides that the Executive Council shall consist of certain officials, and undoubtedly it is good law that a doubling up of departments should only be temporary. No one contends that a premier would be justified in attempting to carry on the government of the country without the full number of executive departmental heads provided for in that act. But our correspondent knows very well that, while we colloquially refer to the several ministers as His Honor's advisers, he has in point of fact only one adviser, namely, the premier, and it is to him and to him only that he looks. Hence when our correspondent says that Mr. Dunsen is depriving the Lieutenant-Governor of a full cabinet of advisers, he is taking a position which cannot be sustained under the principles of constitutional government. Our correspondent knows, although it is possible that there may be some who do not know, that the Lieutenant-Governor does not consult the several ministers and decide after he has heard their views as to what he shall do. He consults with the premier only. If the premier advises him that there is no special need of filling vacant portfolios at a certain time, the Lieutenant-Governor will take that advice, unless he is prepared to seek another minister and dismiss the premier. So far as the Lieutenant-Governor is concerned, there is nothing in the point made by our correspondent. The carrying on of the government with an incomplete ministry is quite another matter. For this Mr. Dunsen must be, and he doubtless is, prepared to accept the fullest responsibility. He might, if his action in the premises were challenged, ask what public interest is suffering by reason of the temporary vacancies in the cabinet. It cannot be claimed that any interest is suffering, but if the people or their representatives think he is remiss in his duty in not appointing new ministers, they will have abundant opportunity to say so in a constitutional way. The existence of these vacancies is a proper matter for political discussion, and Mr. Dunsen will be prepared at the proper time to justify his course in allowing them to remain temporarily vacant.

In regard to the result of the New Westminster election, this is governed by the principle which we applied in Sunday's Colonist to an adverse vote in the house. It is for the Premier to say whether he will accept that result as an expression of want of confidence on the part of the country. As he has not done so, the presumption is that he has sufficient reasons for not doing so, and that he feels able to convince a majority of the legislature that these reasons are sufficient. Every defeat at an election is not to be taken as the expression of the voice of the country. Suppose that a minister was defeated by a majority of one, would any one claim that this one man spoke for the

whole country? And yet if the fact that he voted against the minister proves that the country is against the government, if he had voted for the minister he would have proved that the country was in favor of the government. Therefore one man, who may have been influenced by the merest personal pique, would be taken to be better able to voice the sentiment of the country than the premier, which reduces the contention of our correspondent to an absurdity. Mr. Dunsen is quite justified in taking the position that, although the government lost New Westminster, it still retains the confidence of the country, providing he has what he regards as sufficient evidence of the fact. He is not bound to conclude from the fact that the electors of New Westminster did not want Mr. Brown that the majority of the legislature will refuse to support him when he meets the house and submits the programme for the session. Our correspondent says that the Colonist alleges an intention on the part of Mr. Dunsen to retain office until the legislature meets in spite of every "similar protest," by which we suppose he means that if the Victoria seat should be lost, and if any new ministers who offer for election shall be defeated, Mr. Dunsen will continue to hold on. We have not said this. It is said to be wise not to bid a certain person "Good Morning" until you meet him.

## NEW BRUNSWICK PRECEDENTS.

The Nelson Economist in reply to the Colonist's request that it would show wherein Mr. Dunsen has violated the constitution, says that it will look up the New Brunswick precedents and see. We appreciate the good humor of our contemporary, but propose to deal with it a little seriously, for the constitutional government of a country is a serious matter. Others besides the Economist have spoken of the fact that the Colonist has on several occasions mentioned New Brunswick precedents. There are two reasons for this. One of them is that we are familiar with those precedents, but the principal one is that in New Brunswick constitutional questions have during the last one hundred and fifteen years been very fully discussed. In Ontario and Quebec constitutional government was established after armed rebellion. In New Brunswick and Nova Scotia it was attained by the slower but more valuable means of discussion in the respective legislatures of the provinces, and before the electorate. Hence in those provinces many phases of the subject were dealt with, which did not come up for consideration elsewhere in British North America.

New Brunswick was settled by the United Empire Loyalists, and the leaders of this company of patriots were men who had attained eminence in the revolted colonies. If space permitted it would be interesting from an historical point of view to sketch the development of Responsible Government in that province, but we must be content with recommending readers to Fenwick's Political Notes and Observations, which gives the history of part of the struggle. It would likewise be interesting to tell something about the men, who participated in the prolonged battle for and against constitutional rights, for among them were some of the ablest publicists that Canada has ever produced. As a matter of illustration it may be mentioned that in one of the earliest sessions of the legislature, we have forgotten the exact date, but it was more than a century ago, the question of paying the members came up, and one of the points upon which it turned was the much debated proposition: Who pays the taxes? It was argued by the commercial class, who lived in the only important town in the province, that they paid the taxes, which they undoubtedly did in the first instance. On the other hand, it was contended by the rural population that the consumer paid in the end, no matter out of whose pocket the money might go into the provincial exchequer. The views of the two parties were expressed at great length in resolutions and amendments submitted to the house. Speaking from memory, we should say that these resolutions and amendments would make almost a page of the Colonist. We mention this to show that over a century ago the public men of New Brunswick were grappling with one of the greatest problems in political economy, and it may be of interest to add that the decision of the legislature was that the consumer paid. About forty years later there was a keen struggle over the right of the Lieutenant-Governor to make appointments against the recommendation of his ministers. The resolutions passed on the Journals at that time are admirable expositions of the principles of constitutional government. From 1830 to 1855 the legislature was the scene of conflicts of the keenest kind and declarations of principles were often made. Even as late as 1896, the year before Confederation, the house witnessed a joinder of issue between the Lieutenant-Governor and his advisers on a point of great interest, which was finally submitted to the people for settlement and decided in favor of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The editor of the Colonist feels under no obligation to apologize for the fact that the study of these and other precedents formed a part of his education, and that his first lessons in constitutional government were from the lips of the men who led the popular side in that critical time.

## THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

The ratepayers are to vote on the sewerage by-law next Thursday. It can hardly be necessary to urge that it should be adopted. An incomplete system of sewerage is better than none at all, we suppose, but it is certainly not much better, for if contagious diseases arise through defective sanitary arrangements, they are quite as likely as not to spread to localities where the arrangements are good. We had not expected that any opposition would have developed to the by-law, but it seems we were mistaken, for the Times has had several letters urging ratepayers to vote in the negative. It seems a little unfortunate that this subject has been before the public at a time when politics, the Exhibition and the royal visit have occupied so much attention, for it has not received that degree of discussion to which its im-

portance entitles it. The sewerage system is not a dead asset. It is revenue-paying. We have an impression that it might be made more so, and shall endeavor to point out on a future occasion how we think this can be accomplished. But the present is not the time to discuss this. All sanitary authorities agree that the extension of the system is imperative, and that the plan proposed is a good one, and much the cheapest that can be adopted. This being the case there is really no negative side to the discussion. It can surely not be necessary to do more than remind the majority of ratepayers that the voting takes place on Thursday, and that they should see to it that so desirable an improvement does not fail for lack of interest in it.

By the way November 9th is the King's birthday, and what are we going to do about it? We can illuminate the city if nothing else.

The death of the Ameer of Afghanistan is reported. This news, if true, may be important. Conditions in Afghanistan are not settled.

What will the people of the United States say now that their dearly beloved Russia has barred American miners from Siberia? Russian affection is of the kind that begins at home and ends there, and the United States is wasting a lot of effort in endeavoring to cultivate it.

The Times is quite correct. British Columbia can go on creating constitutional precedents. Our whole constitution has "broadened slowly" down from precedent to precedent. It is quite proper to create a precedent, when the occasion calls for it, but it is wise to observe the established order of things unless a grave emergency arises. The Times asks the following question: "Suppose, for instance, that a majority of the members were to present a memorial to the Governor asking him to demand the resignation of his First Minister, what would he do?" And then it asks: "Such a course would be unusual, but would it be unconstitutional?" Our reply is that such a course would be unconstitutional, for the members of the legislature have no constitutional means of approaching the Lieutenant-Governor except by resolution of the house. It would be utterly subversive of the fundamental principles of parliamentary government if the Lieutenant-Governor would receive and act upon representations from the members of the house by way of memorial or round-robin. If such a memorial were presented, it would be the duty of the Lieutenant-Governor to submit to the Premier and take his advice upon it. In such a case the Premier might advise a dissolution.

Mr. McPhillips is a gentleman for whom personally and politically the Colonist has the highest respect. It has not always been able to agree with his views, but it never had to exercise any ingenuity to find out where he stands on a public question, for he is always frankly outspoken. He has written a letter to the Times in which he says that Mr. Dunsen has his personal respect, but that he cannot support him because Mr. Dunsen has departed from the path of political rectitude. Mr. McPhillips does not make it clear what he means by this. He cannot mean that this departure is shown by the fact that two portfolios are vacant, for he tells us that the government has been condemned for political immorality, and by this we suppose he only means to say in a roundabout way that Mr. Brown was defeated. At that time only one portfolio was vacant, and it had been vacant only for a few days. The departure from political rectitude, of which Mr. McPhillips complains, was the calling in of Mr. Brown. We have only to say that after the decision of the government caucus held at the close of the summer session of 1900, Mr. Dunsen was at liberty to seek a successor to Mr. Turner anywhere he chose, and this being the case, what more natural than that he should select a gentleman who had given him and his policy a firm support at the times when certain of his former political friends, including Mr. McPhillips, were distinctly hostile? We give Mr. McPhillips full credit for sincerity and frankness, but think he ought to be willing to do the same by the Premier.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## THE REMEDY.

Sir,—In the last three issues of the Colonist, when presenting the constitutional crisis for public thought and discussion, you have had much to say regarding the course Mr. Dunsen proposes to pursue. You have said in many words that he does not regard the Westminster election as a defeat of his government, and that he proposes to hold on to office in spite of every similar popular protest until the House shall have met. I shall not attempt to follow you through the maze of thought whereby you reach the conclusion that a premier is justified in clinging to office until he has been voted out by the House, but I wish to point out that the action of every similar popular protest until the House shall have met, is a violation of the principle of responsible government. The Lieutenant-Governor is entitled to a full cabinet of advisers. He is too short of the legal number. He has not a single one of a complete cabinet, and day after day you demand that the Lieutenant-Governor should take action. Mr. Martin looked one and he was pummeled and heckled until, in compliance with the demands of the constitution, he was forced to take in that political nondescript, Corry Ryder. In neither of these cases had a popular verdict been given against the government, and yet the cry went up, and rightly too, that the Lieutenant-Governor was entitled to a full list of advisers.

At this writing two of the most important portfolios are unfilled. A third of the ministers have resigned. An attempt to fill one of the vacant places has been defeated. The Victoria city representation lacks one member. The speaker, some weeks since, instructed the deputy provincial secretary to issue a writ for a by-election forthwith. The instruction has been disobeyed and the writ remains undispatched. Why does not the premier allow the writ to issue? If he is as cocksure of success as you and he says he is why is this delay? Why are the services of the premier being prevented from discharging his duty? There was not a moment's delay in the matter of the Westminster election. Why should Victorians be treated otherwise? Why should the Lieutenant-Governor be denied the benefit of the advice of a full cabinet? It seems to me, Mr. Editor, that while you are filled with statements as to what the premier will do and ought to do, you ignore the Lieutenant-Governor's executive altogether. You are like the guest who made up his bill without the assistance of his host. Under the constitution, in the face of the present crisis, with the echoes of the Westminster election still lingering in our ears, and the prospect of a by-election dawning, in Victoria, the premier cuts a very small figure, in fact, and it is an act of assumption on your part to tell us what he will do and what the country must submit to at his

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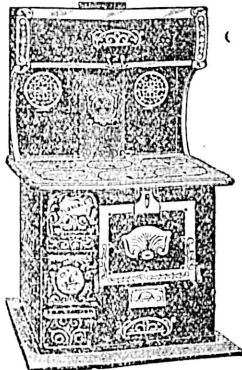
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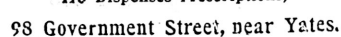
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